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Applicant(s): Harpal Mann et al **Docket:** 134158
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant is submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

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